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Reference CC Docket numbers 96-45 and 97-21
Re: Washington Local School District
Form 471 Application Number: 203649
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 – 6/30/2001
Billed Entity Number: 129311
Funding Request Number (s): 473734, 473736, 477381, 477382, 477384, 477414 and 482282

Please review this letter of appeal. Our funds were denied by the SLD stating that we did not wait the 28 day posting period.

The facts of this case are the following. After waiting the 28 day posting period, on January 14, 2000, we signed our 471 form but wrote the wrong date. No bids were received from any vendor within this 28 day period for our services. I am including a copy of "Receipt for Certified Mail" which is post marked on January 14, 2000 proving that the 28 day post period was met. I am also including the Administrator's Decision on Appeal and the Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

Please reconsider this appeal, and let us know the outcome as soon as possible.

Any questions on this appeal should be directed to:

Chris Napolski
c/o Washington Local Schools
6545 W. Central Avenue, Suite 102
Toledo, Ohio 43617
phone: 419/531-7727 fax: 419/531-7735 e-mail address: cnapolski@thebazgroup.com

Sincerely,



David L. Bringman
Director, Business Services

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UNIVERSAL SERVICE
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Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001)

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WASHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DIST
DAVE BRINGMAN
3505 W. LINCOLNSHIRE BLVD.
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Re: Form 471 Application Number: 203649
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001
Billed Entity Number: 129311

Thank you for your 2000-2001 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report.

NEXT STEPS

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC Form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. The Form 486 will be mailed to you under separate cover and is also available on the SLD web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. If you are filing a Form 486 for Funding Year 3 services (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001), there are certain circumstances under which you will be able to file your Form 486 before the receipt of services. These circumstances are detailed in the letter being sent to you under separate cover and on the web site. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISIONS

If you wish to appeal the Funding Commitment Decision(s) (FCD) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

2. Identify which FCD Letter you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your FCD Letter.
3. Identify the particular Funding Request Number (FRN) that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the precise language or text from the Funding Commitment Decision Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter brief and to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an original authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

Please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Appeals submitted by fax, phone call, and e-mail CANNOT be processed. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Further information regarding filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "How to Apply, Step-by-Step" area of the SLD web site www.sl.universalservice.org.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the universal service mechanisms for schools and libraries. FCC Form 471 Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that SLD or the Federal Communications Commission may undertake periodically to assure that funds have been committed and are being used in accordance with all such requirements. If the SLD subsequently determines that its commitment was erroneously issued due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by SLD, the Applicant, or Service Provider, and that the action or inaction was not in accordance with such requirements, SLD may be required to cancel these funding commitments and seek repayment of any funds disbursed not in accordance with such requirements. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect erroneously disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on connecting our schools and libraries through advanced telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Kate L. Moore
President, Schools and Libraries Division, USAC

Enclosures

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Attached to this letter will be a report for each E-rate funding request from your application. We are providing the following definitions.

- * **FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.
- * **FUNDING STATUS:** Each FRN will have one of three definitions: "Funded," "Not Funded," or "As Yet Unfunded."
 1. An FRN that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determined is appropriate for that item. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
 2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules or, that the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund was insufficient to fund all requests.
 3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for internal connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both telecommunications services and internal connections, you might receive a letter with our funding commitment for your telecommunications funding requests and a message that your internal connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive a subsequent letter(s) regarding the funding decision on your internal connections requests.
- * **SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.
- * **SERVICE PROVIDER NAME:** The legal name of the service provider.
- * **CONTRACT NUMBER:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * **SERVICES ORDERED:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.
- * **EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * **CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.
- * **SITE IDENTIFIER:** The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.
- * **BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER:** The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.
- * **PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT:** Amount in Block 5, Item 23, Column I, Form 471, as determined through the application review process.
- * **DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD:** This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.
- * **FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION:** This represents the total amount of funding that the

SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for this service through June 30, 2001. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

- * FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the "Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 473488 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: C
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 03/31/2002
Billing Account Number: 419/473-8272
Pre-Discount Amount: \$23,400.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 45%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$10,530.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 473496 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: C
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 03/31/2002
Billing Account Number: 419/473-1281
Pre-Discount Amount: \$21,600.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 45%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$9,720.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 473498 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: C
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 03/31/2002
Billing Account Number: 419/531-2235
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,280.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 45%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,026.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 473734 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 419/R60-0430
Pre-Discount Amount: \$3,120.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

*Submitted an
appeal off website
30 days after*

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 473736 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 419/R60-0226
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,184.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 477381 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03171
Billing Account Number: 419/473-2364
Pre-Discount Amount: \$396.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 477382 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03166
Billing Account Number: 419/726-3455
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,364.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 477384 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03156
Billing Account Number: 419/476-9138
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,364.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 477387 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03156
Billing Account Number: 27946
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discont will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477393 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03163
Billing Account Number: 23549
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discont will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477395 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03157
Billing Account Number: 16006
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discont will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477399 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03164
Billing Account Number: 024000
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discont will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 477402 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03165
Billing Account Number: 25189
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG
for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477405 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03166
Billing Account Number: 34504
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG
for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477406 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03167
Billing Account Number: 37549
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG
for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477407 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03169
Billing Account Number: 40295
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG
for further details.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 477409 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03161
Billing Account Number: 018127
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477411 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 04231
Billing Account Number: 039438
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477413 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03171
Billing Account Number: 041046
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number: 477414 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001123 Service Provider Name: WorldCom, Inc.
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 980517316222
Pre-Discount Amount: \$6,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 203649

Funding Request Number: 482282 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143001688 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Ohio (aka Ohio Bell Telephone Co.)
Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Billing Account Number: 419/534-2002
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,604.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Signature Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 482283 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143005290 Service Provider Name: Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 10/01/2006
Site Identifier: 39 04823 03160
Billing Account Number: 17558
Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections 81 % discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001

March 23, 2001

Save L. Bringman
Director, Business Services
Washington Local Schools
3505 West Lincolnshire Blvd
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*Received
no
no was bid
on the*

Re: Billed Entity Number: 129311
471 Application Number: 203649
Funding Request Number(s): 473734, 473736, 477381, 477382, 477384, 477414
and 482282
Your Correspondence Dated: November 10, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 473734, 473736, 477381, 477382, 477384, 477414, 482282
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full.**
Explanation:

- Your appeal claims that the Form 471 was accidentally signed early. You would like the SLD to provide discounts for this request.
- Your Form 470 (Application Number: 714530000280141) was posted on 12/17/99. In your Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter, SLD notified you that the earliest date upon which you could sign and submit your Form 471 was 01/14/2000. You signed your Form 471 on 01/12/2000. You have not claimed that this Form 471 relates to a different Form 470 other than the Form 470 indicated above. It should be noted that the accuracy of the information submitted on the Form 471 is the responsibility of the applicant.

- You signed your Form 471 prior to the expiration of the 28-day posting period. FCC rules require that except under limited circumstances, all Forms 470 received be posted on the website for 28 days, and that applicants carefully consider all bids received before selecting a vendor, entering into an agreement or signing a contract, and signing and submitting a Form 471. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504, 54.511(a), (c). FCC rules further require that the Administrator send the applicant a confirmation when the Form 470 has been posted, and inform the applicant of the date after which the applicant may sign a contract with the vendor it selects. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b)(4). These competitive bidding requirements help ensure that applicants receive the lowest pre-discount price from vendors. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 10095, 10098 ¶ 9 (1997). Consequently, SLD denies your appeal because your application did not comply with the competitive bidding requirement that your Form 470 be posted on the website for 28 days prior to your signing and/or submitting your Form 471.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <www.universalservice.org>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

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US Postal Service

Receipt for Certified Mail

No Insurance Coverage Provided.

Do not use for International Mail (See reverse)

Sent to	SLD - FORM 471
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Postmark or Date	JAN 14 2000

PS Form 3800, April 1995